

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and Tristan Baxter opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

There was an addition to the agenda: Permission to Hold Bucket Shake – Tristan Baxter

**Department Head Reports**

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they are dealing with the same old stuff. He will be happy when National Homes is completed. They still are doing several locates every day.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated they also are doing lots of locates. They drained one clarifier today and it will be back in service tomorrow. They will start cleaning the other one on Thursday.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that half of the curbing is completed at Jordan Park. This will be done by the end of the week. Mitch and Travis Nuestr are going to put the end of the trail in there by the end of the week. Mike Kessler is going to finish paving the end of the walking trail and touch up the parking lot. Mitch worked with an Eagle Scout group last Saturday putting some 4x4 posts for the boardwalk. They are planning to work this Saturday and next Saturday to complete this project. He has been working with Richard Matzat with the invasive species treatment at Altherr Park. The woodland is done. In November, he will be back to do some more work. Mitch's department is getting ready for winter and he is looking forward to putting up the Christmas displays.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts thanked the Council for allowing him to purchase his new used dump truck. Asphalt work is done for this year. Sidewalks were finished being poured today. There is still some back fill to do along the backside of some sidewalks. The final surface was put on First, Second, Third, and Ohio Streets in the National Homes. Excavating has started on Lakeland. He feels this will take eight to ten days to complete. Nipsco is coming along with about twenty homes to go and should be finished and out of the way by next week or so. They have one more brush pick up scheduled for this fall and will start leaves around October 20<sup>th</sup> with one crew.

Fire Chief Swaim stated that things are going well for them. This last month they were down on their numbers. Power has been out at the station all day because they are installing the new generator. Things are going smooth.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that the last couple of weeks they have been doing testing and interviewing applicants to replace Officer Nies. He is hoping to narrow it down to two by the end of the week. Case loads have gone up over the last few weeks. He is hoping to get some of them rapped up in the next few days. They have been very steady.

#### **Public Hearing – 2012 Budget**

Council Member Jim Mann opened the Public Hearing. This is the first of two meetings that must be held by statute regarding the 2012 Budget. This is the Public Hearing where any questions or concerns the public has can be addressed. There were no questions from the public. At the next Council meeting on October 17, 2011 the 2012 Budget will be presented for adoption. The Public Hearing was closed.

#### **Consideration of Ordinance 2011-14; Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County – Rezoning Petition #993**

Council Member Jim Mann stated that through Area Plan they now have a hearing examiner who can hear petitions in order to expedite things and keep costs down. This is an approved request from the hearing examiner. Cory Chilcott is trying to refinance his home at 709 S. Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960. In trying to do so, it was brought to his attention he is designated in a B-2 District (General Business) and needs to be designated as an R-2 District (Single and Two Family Residential) in order to refinance. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve an Ordinance, Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County, Indiana, and Accompanying Zoning Maps Thereto, Known as Monticello Ordinance Number 2011-14, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **First Reading Ordinance 2011-15; Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is the First Reading of this Ordinance by number only. It is anticipated it will be adopted at the next Council meeting on October 17, 2011. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2011-15 to the Second Reading, seconded by Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Permission to Hold Bucket Shake – Tristan Baxter**

Tristan Baxter, Boy Scout, addressed the Council for the third year in a row. He is giving out caramel corn for donations for his service project for the Food Pantry. He is asking permission for this Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to seek donations for caramel corn at the intersections of Illinois and Washington Streets and Washington and Main Streets. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the request for the bucket shake as stated, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried. Tristan thanked the Council for their support these past three years.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC  
City Clerk Treasurer